Setting up of Purchase Centres for Handloom Banarsi Sarees in Uttar Pradesh

5270. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up purchase centres under the Market Development Assistance Scheme for handloom Banarsi Sarees in Azamgarh and Mao districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A purchase Centre is already functioning in Azamgarh district which serves the interests of the handloom weavers located in Mao district also.

Cotton Spinning Mills Under Cooperative Sector in Uttar Pradesh

5271. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cotton spinning mills in the cooperative sector in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether these mills are capable of meeting the demand of handloom and powerloom industries;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up some new cotton spinning mill in the cooperative sector in Azamgarh and Mao districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the number of such mills likely to be set up during the eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There are ten cotton/man-made fibre textile spinning mills in Cooperative sector in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Demand for yarn by Handloom and powerloom sectors is met by all the spinning mills in the country. There are 30 spinning mills and 15 composite textile mills, engaged in spinning activity in U.P. There are also 1010 textile mills in the country and there is no restriction in the inter-state movement of yarn.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above question does not arise.

Export of Carpets

5272. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which carpets were exported during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned from these exports;

(c) the effective measures proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the carpet industry;

(d) whether any target has been fixed for the export of carpets for the year 1991-92; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The hand-knotted woollen/silken/synthetic carpets/rugs, druggets/dur-

ries etc. were mainly exported to Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, USA, U.K., USSR and West Germany during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of hand-knotted carpets etc. during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 were of the value of Rs. 420.08 crores (Provisional) and Rs. 507.00 crores (Provisional) respectively.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The target fixed for the export of hand-knotted carpets etc. during the year 1991-92 is about Rs. 720.00 crores.

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(c) The measures proposed to be taken to boost the exports of hand-knotted carpet industry during the year 1991-92 are as under:-

(a) To sponsor sales-cum-study Team (s) for exploring export potentrials of handknotted carpets etc.

(b) To participate in DONOTER International Fair in Germany.

(c) To organise a Buyer-Sellers Most at New Delhi and/or Spain.

(d) To launch an effective publicity campaign abroad so as to popularise Indian hand-Knotted carpets etc.

(e) Sponsoring All India Carpet Trade Fair.

[*English*]

Funds for Armament Research And Development Establishment

5273. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds allotted for Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) during the last seven years were fully utilized;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether delay in development of projects in a number of cases has led to the projects becoming redundant in terms of technological requirement; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). In last two years, Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) has fully utilised the funds allotted. However, there was marginal under utilisation of funds in earlier years, as the actual expenditure is subject to placement of orders after negotiated price, terms of delivery, actual receipt of stores, inspection of items, release of final payment and also due to book adjustments with central purchase agencies like Ordnance Depots, DGS & D etc.

(c) and (d). Projects under development at ARDE are periodically reviewed. In the past, some projects with time over-run have been short-closed due to changed threat perception as felt by Services and due to changes in their operational requirements. These projects mostly relate to development of fuzes and projectiles. In some cases, development of upgraded version of the stores was undertaken.